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**GREEN DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE BEGINS SUNDAY, FEB. 24**  
ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION, UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE AND CUMBERLAND RIVER COMPACT  
TO RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM EPA

**Nashville, Tenn.** - The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation will host a Green Development Conference in Nashville Feb. 24-26, in partnership with the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The three-day conference, titled "Green Development: Good for Water and the Bottom Line" will be held at the Sheraton Music City Hotel.

The conference will feature expert presenters from across the country, and it is designed to promote dialogue and exchange among state and local officials, developers, architects and contractors on aspects of green development and its contribution to the efficient use and quality of state waters.

As part of the conference, on Monday, Feb. 25 EPA will recognize the Department of Environment and Conservation as a national leader in its management of water quality assessment data for Tennessee. The department also will join EPA in designating the UT Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment and the Cumberland River Compact as the first Center of Excellence for Watershed Management in Tennessee.

- WHO:** Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke; Deputy Commissioner Paul Sloan; and Water Pollution Control Director Paul Davis; EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Benjamin H. Grumbles and Water Management Division Director Jim Giattina; Institute for Secure and Sustainable Environment Director Randall W. Gentry; Cumberland River Compact Executive Director Doug Hausken and Senior Fellow Margo Farnsworth
- WHAT:** Award presentation and designation of Tennessee Center of Excellence for Watershed Management
- WHEN:** Award and dedication ceremony scheduled Monday, Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- WHERE:** Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, Tenn.

The conference is the result of a joint proposal submitted to EPA by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and is largely funded by a grant from EPA's Office of Water. More information about the conference, including the agenda, is available at [www.tennessee.gov/environment](http://www.tennessee.gov/environment) or by calling (865) 974-0280.

Initiated in 2007, the EPA Region 4 Centers of Excellence for Watershed Management Program works with colleges and universities from across the Southeast to provide hands-on, practical products and services for communities to identify watershed problems and solve them. Please visit <http://www.epa.gov/region4/water/watersheds/priority.html> for more information about priority watersheds in the Southeast.

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